

**LILYPONS, AMELUNG GLASS, AND SUGARLOAF**

One of the largest producers of aquatic plants in the world, *Lilypons* (10 miles north off the map) has been in operation since 1917. The operatic soprano, Lily Pons, visited here in 1942 and subsequently mailed her Christmas cards from here every year. Open seven days a week, March-October. Nearby, along the Monocacy, is the site of the *New Bremen Glassmanufactory* begun by John Frederick Amelung in 1784. Amelung was responsible for the first inscribed glass pieces and the first copper whell engraving in the U.S. *Sugarloaf Mountain* (four miles east off the map) is a 1,282-foot mountain, part of 3,000-acre National Landmark owned and operated by Stronghold, Inc. Good hiking trails.

**MARYLAND**

**THE MONOCACY**

One of the major Potomac tributaries, the Monocacy River drains a rich agricultural area in Maryland and Pennsylvania, and the city of Frederick, Md., 13 miles north of the mouth. The river near Frederick was the site of the Battle of the Monocacy, July 9, 1864. The Monocacy Aqueduct, carrying the canal over the river, was a major engineering and construction achievement. It was completed in 1833; a five-mile railroad was constructed to bring stone from a quarry to the construction site. It is still considered one of the canal's most outstanding structures. Fishing at the mouth of the river is excellent. A picnic area and boat ramp are located on the east side of the aqueduct. Canoeing is good in the Monocacy; put in at Route 28, three miles upstream.

**VIRGINIA**

- 1 *Tuscarora Pivot Bridge Site*: Bridge was built to avoid interference between canal and ferry traffic, but thieves made it unpopular. Ferry approach became known as "Rogue's Road," home of the "Robin Hood of Loudoun County."
- 2 *Noland's Ferry*: One of the oldest crossing places on the Potomac; part of the Indian "Warrior Path." Ferry operated as early as 1758; site was the scene of several Civil War river crossings.
- 3 *Calico Rocks*: Multi-colored limestone, also known as Potomac Marble, visible from towpath. Used in construction of U.S. Capitol.
- 4 *Camp Kanawha*: Private sportsmen's club operated by the Frederick County Fish and Game Protective Association.
- 5 *Kanawha Springs*: Popular watering place for canal mules.
- 6 *Pivot Bridge Ruins*: Used to cross canal to reach the original highway bridge over the Potomac.
- 7 *Heater's Island*: Once farmed, now a state wildlife management area.

